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# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service

Killdeer, North Dakota

Audit Report for the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

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District Officials December 31, 2018 and 2017

# **DISTRICT OFFICIALS**

# At December 31, 2018

Jamie Reece	President
Daryl Dukart	Vice President
Tracey Dolezal	Commissioner
Kirk Roll	Commissioner
Chris Jeske	Commissioner
Tyler Pittsley	Commissioner
Tim Dvirnak	Commissioner

# At December 31, 2017

Tracey Dolezal	President
Chris Jeske	Vice President
Daryl Dukart	Commissioner
Kirk Roll	Commissioner
Jamie Reece	Commissioner
Tim Dvirnak	Commissioner
Clint Scott	Commissioner

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Board Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Killdeer, North Dakota

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Killdeer Area Ambulance Service, Killdeer, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service, Killdeer, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report - Continued

# **Emphasis of a Matter**

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the January 1, 2017 opening balances have been restated to correct a misstatement. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. Killdeer Area Ambulance Service prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2022 on our consideration of the Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 8, 2022

Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2018

	•	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS				
Cash and Investments	\$	105,611		
Capital Assets, Net		1,258,023		
Total Assets	\$	1,363,634		
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	1,258,023		
Restricted				
Public Safety		105,611		
Total Net Position	\$	1,363,634		

Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

			Program Revenues					Net	(Expense)	
			Operating		Operating		Capital	Re	venue and	
			(	Charges for	Grants and		Grants and		CI	nanges in
Functions/Programs	E	Expenses		Services	Contributions		Contributions		Ne	et Position
Governmental Activities										
Public Safety	\$	1,215,938	\$	415,351	\$	326,320	\$	56,800		(417,467)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	1,215,938	\$	415,351	\$	326,320	\$	56,800	\$	(417,467)
		eral Revenu	es						ф.	265 200
	Misc	erty Taxes ellaneous Re							\$	265,209 10,030
	Gain	(Loss) on Sa	ale of	f Assets						(54,900)
	Tota	l General Rev	enue	es					\$	220,339
	Char	nge in Net Po	sitio	n					\$	(197,128)
	Net l	Position - Jan	uary	1					\$	1,560,762
	Net l	Position - Dec	emb	per 31					\$	1,363,634

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2018

	(	General Fund
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	105,611
FUND BALANCES Restricted Public Safety	\$	105,611

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2018

#### **Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds**

\$ 105,611

Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

1,258,023

# **Total Net Position of Governmental Activities**

\$ 1,363,634

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General Fund
REVENUES Taxes Intergovernmental Revenue Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$ 265,209 282,820 415,351 105,530
Total Revenues	\$ 1,068,910
EXPENDITURES  Current  Administrative  Building & Grounds  Dispatch  Patient Care  Wages & Benefits  Quick Response Units  Vehicles	\$ 50,469 27,508 4,893 46,076 938,516 3,602 93,814
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,164,878
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (95,968)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 201,579
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 105,611

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

## Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ (95,968)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlay	\$ 59,452
Captial Contribution	4,800
Depreciation Expense	(110,512) (46,260)

In the statement of activities, only the gain (loss) on the sale of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the book value of the assets sold.

Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets \_\_\_\_\_(54,900)

# Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (197,128)

Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2017

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$	201,579	
Capital Assets, Net		1,359,183	
Total Assets	\$	1,560,762	
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	1,359,183	
Restricted			
Public Safety		201,579	
Total Net Position	\$	1,560,762	

Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

			Program Revenues				Net (Expense)		
				_	Operating			venue and	
Cunations/Dragrams		Typopoo		narges for		rants and		hanges in	
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Services	Co	ntributions	INE	et Position	
Governmental Activities Public Safety	\$	1,124,467	\$	465,728	\$	329,762		(328,977)	
Total Governmental Activities	\$	1,124,467	\$	465,728	\$	329,762	\$	(328,977)	
	Ge	neral Reven	ues						
	Pro	perty Taxes					\$	296,993	
	Miscellaneous Revenue							94,324	
	Total General Revenues						\$	391,317	
	Change in Net Position						\$	62,340	
	Net Position - January 1						\$	37,606	
	Prior Period Adjustment						\$	1,460,816	
	Net Position - January 1, as restated						\$	1,498,422	
	Net Position - December 31						\$	1,560,762	

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2017

	General Fund			
ASSETS Cash	\$	201,579		
FUND BALANCES Restricted Public Safety	_\$	201,579		

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2017

# **Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds**

\$ 201,579

Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

1,359,183

# **Total Net Position of Governmental Activities**

\$ 1,560,762

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund
REVENUES Taxes Intergovernmental Revenue Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$ 296,993 329,762 465,728 94,324
Total Revenues	\$ 1,186,807
EXPENDITURES Current	
Administrative Building & Grounds Dispatch Patient Care Wages & Benefits Quick Response Units Vehicles	\$ 41,960 61,402 3,032 55,603 830,114 4,245 26,478
Debt Service Principal	 30,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,052,834
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 133,973
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Line of Credit Proceeds	\$ 30,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 163,973
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 37,606
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 201,579

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

# Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ 163,973

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlay	\$ 14,989	
Depreciation Expense	 (116,622)	(101,633)
The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as other financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		
Debt Issuance	\$ (30,000)	
Repayment of Debt	30,000	-

# Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

62,340

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

# NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service ("District") have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Ambulance District's accounting policies are described below.

#### Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District has considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the District such that exclusion would cause its financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the District as a reporting entity.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, interest, and non-restricted grants and contributions, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements.* The fund financial statements provide information about the District's fund. Separate statements are provided for the governmental fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on the major governmental fund.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund - This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when collected rather than when earned, and expenditures are generally recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when collected rather than when earned, and expenditures are generally recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

This basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America because accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses are not included in the financial statements. Only capital assets and long-term debt are recorded under the basis of accounting described above on the statement of net position. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

# Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

#### **Cash and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

ASSETS	YEARS
Buildings and Infrastructure	25 - 100
Vehicles and Machinery	5 - 10
Land and Land Improvements	Indefinite
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 10

#### **Fund Balances**

Restricted Fund Balances. Restricted fund balances are shown by primary function on the balance sheet. Restricted fund balances are restricted by tax levies (enabling legislation) and by outside 3<sup>rd</sup> parties (state and federal governments for various grants & reimbursements).

It is the policy of the District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the District to spend unrestricted resources in the following order: committed, assigned, unassigned.

#### **Net Position**

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Restrictions of net position in the statement of net position are due to restricted tax levies and restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements.

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation, as well as net of any related debt to purchase or finance the capital assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

#### NOTE 2 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

## **Prior Period Errors**

Net position as of January 1, 2017 has been restated for bringing in Capital Asset amounts into the financial statements. Adjustments to beginning net position are below:

Governmental Activities	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 37,606
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2017 Net Position:	
Capital Assets, Net	1,460,816
Net Position January 1, as restated	\$ 1,498,422

#### NOTE 3 DEPOSITS

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk associated with the failure of a depository institution, such that in the event of a depository financial institution's failure, the District would not be able to recover the deposits or collateralized securities that in the possession of the outside parties. The District does not have a formal policy regarding deposits that limits the amount they may invest in any one issuer.

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the state of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2018, the District's carrying amount of deposits totaled \$105,611, and the bank balances totaled \$109,130. All deposits were covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

At year ended December 31, 2017, the District's carrying amount of deposits totaled \$201,431, and the bank balances totaled \$205,579. All deposits were covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

#### NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the District for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	Balance						Balance	
Primary Government 2018	Jan 1		In	Increases Decrea		ecreases		Dec 31
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated								
Land	\$	60,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	60,000
Capital Assets Being Depreciated								
Buildings	\$	961,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	961,000
Vehicles		602,900		182,607		257,000		528,507
Equipment		242,988		6,644		-		249,632
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ ^	1,806,888	\$	189,251	\$	257,000	\$	1,739,139
Less Accumulated Depreciation								
Buildings	\$	160,166	\$	32,033	\$	-	\$	192,199
Vehicles		250,640		52,851		77,101		226,390
Equipment		96,899		25,628		-		122,527
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	507,705	\$	110,512	\$	77,101	\$	541,116
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ ^	1,299,183	\$	78,739	\$	179,899	\$	1,198,023
Capital Assets, Net	\$ ^	1,359,183	\$	78,739	\$	179,899	\$	1,258,023

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the District for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	Balance Jan 1 -							Balance
Primary Government 2017	R	estated	Inc	Increases		Decreases		Dec 31
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated								
Land	\$	60,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	60,000
Capital Assets Being Depreciated								
Buildings	\$	961,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	961,000
Vehicles		602,900		-		-		602,900
Equipment		228,000		14,988		-		242,988
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 1	1,791,900	\$	14,988	\$	-	\$	1,806,888
Less Accumulated Depreciation								
Buildings	\$	128,133	\$	32,033	\$	-	\$	160,166
Vehicles		190,350		60,290		-		250,640
Equipment		72,600		24,299		-		96,899
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	391,083	\$	116,622	\$	-	\$	507,705
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 1	1,400,817	\$(	101,634)	\$	-	\$	1,299,183
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 1	1,460,817	\$(	101,634)	\$	-	\$	1,359,183

Depreciation expense was charged to the Public Safety function.

# NOTE 5 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

# **Primary Government**

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the following changes occurred to long-term liabilities:

Primary Government 2017	Balance Jan 1	Increases Decreases		 lance ec 31	Due Within One Year		
Long-Term Debt							
Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$	30,000	\$ -	\$	-

# NOTE 5 PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments; the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued

#### NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile insurance coverage, and inland marine. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence for general liability and automobile coverage and \$143,000 for property and equipment.

The District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund. The County pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$2,000,000 per occurrence during a 12-month period.

#### NOTE 7 CONTINGENT LIABILITY

During 2020 and 2021, the Ambulance District applied for and received Paycheck Protection Program loans in the amount of \$79,800 and \$216,500 respectively. During 2021, both loans were forgiven. However, the Ambulance District was not eligible to receive these loans. These funds may have to be returned at the discretion of the Small Business Association.

# NOTE 8 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to December 31, 2018, the Ambulance District received Paycheck Protection Program loans for 2021 in the amount of \$216,500 which was forgiven in 2021. Subsequent to December 31, 2018, the Ambulance District in 2021 received an unrestricted donation in the amount of \$500,000 from a local citizen.

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# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

#### Independent Auditor's Report

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Board Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Killdeer, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2022.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control as described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings* as items 2018-001, 2018-002, 2018-003, 2018-004, 2018-005, 2018-006, and 2018-007 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* - Continued

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item 2018-006.

# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response to Findings

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings. Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

# **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 8, 2022

**Financial Statements** 

Summary of Auditor's Results For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

Type of Report Issued: Governmental Activities Major Fund	Unmodified Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting	
Material weaknesses identified?	X Yes None Noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes X None Noted

\_\_X\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ None Noted

Schedule of Audit Findings

For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

# 2018-001 MATERIAL AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS – MATERIAL WEAKNESS

# Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's original annual financial statements were adjusted to correct unaccounted revenue, expenditures, capital assets and long-term debt. The following adjustments were proposed and accepted by management:

	Balances						
		Before	1	Adjustment		Audited	
2018	Adjustments			Amount	Balanes		
Fund Level Adjustments							
General Fund							
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	260,410	\$	4,799	\$	265,209	
Intergovernmental Revenue		157,820		125,000		282,820	
Charges for Services		312,105		98,246		410,351	
Miscellaneous		205,538		(95,008)		110,530	
Total Revenue	\$	935,873	\$	133,037	\$	1,068,910	
Expenditures							
Administrative	\$	46,168	\$	4,301	\$	50,469	
Building & Grounds		25,378		2,130		27,508	
Dispatch		15,134		(10,241)		4,893	
Patient Care		42,234		3,842		46,076	
Wages & Benefits		821,367		117,149		938,516	
Quick Response Units		2,431		1,171		3,602	
Vehicles		90,812		3,002		93,814	
Total Expenditures	\$	1,043,524	\$	121,354	\$	1,164,878	
Government Wide Adjustments							
Capital Assets, Net	\$	-	\$	1,258,023	\$	1,258,023	
Capital Contribution	ĺ	-		4,800		4,800	
Loss on Sale of Assets	ĺ	-		(54,900)		(54,900)	
Entity Wide Revenue Reclass	ĺ						
Capital Contributions	ĺ	-		52,000		52,000	
Operating Grants		391,317		(52,000)		339,317	

	Balance	_					
	Before		Α	djustment	Audited		
2017	Adjustments		Amount			Balanes	
Fund Level Adjustments							
General Fund							
Debt Service							
Principal	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	
Other Financing Sources							
Line of Credit	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	
Government Wide Adjustments							
Capital Assets, Net	\$	-	\$	1,359,183	\$	1,359,183	

#### **Effect**

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's financial statements would have been materially misstated without the audit adjustments.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

# Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service did not have established policies and procedures for recording revenues, expenditures, capital assets, and long-term debt in its annual financial statements.

#### Criteria

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service is responsible for ensuring its annual financial statements, including revenues, expenditures, debt, and capital assets are reliable, appropriately classified, accurate, and free of material misstatement.

# Repeat Finding

No.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Service establish policies and procedures for recording revenues, expenditures, capital assets, and long-term debt to ensure accurate reporting in its annual financial statements.

# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, Killdeer Area Ambulance Service contracted a CPA in 2020 to ensure standard banking and accounting practices are followed. Policies have been adopted as advised by North Dakota Office of State Auditor to address these issues.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

#### 2018-002 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES - MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service has limited staff members responsible for all of the accounting functions. A lack of segregation of duties exits because the limited staff is responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general, and perform bank reconciliations.

#### Criteria

Proper internal control according to the COSO framework include controls surrounding the custody of assets, the recording of transactions, reconciling bank accounts and preparation of financial statements. The framework dictates there should be sufficient accounting personnel so that duties of employees are properly segregated. Proper segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the Killdeer Area Ambulance Service.

#### Cause

Management has chosen to allocate its economic resources to other functions of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service.

#### **Effect**

The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of fraud and the risk of misstatement of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's financial condition whether due to error of fraud.

## **Repeat Finding**

No.

#### Recommendation

To mitigate the risk associated with this lack of segregation of duties, we will recommend the following:

- Expenditures, financial statements, bank reconciliations, credit memos, and payroll registers should be analyzed and reviewed by a responsible official.
- Where possible, segregate the functions of approval, posting, custody of assets, and reconciliation as they relate to any amounts which impact the financial statements.

## Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, A lack of resources to employ purely administrative staff limits the ability to truly segregate these functions. Financial functions have been delegated to multiple individuals creating additional layers of security. If the board does hire more administrative employees, duties will be further segregated to the fullest extent possible.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

#### 2018-003 BANK RECONCILIATIONS - MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service did not provide monthly bank reconciliations that were prepared on a timely basis and that balanced to the general ledger for the period ending December 31, 2018. Management of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service currently has monthly bank reconciliations that balance to the general ledger.

#### Criteria

The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) model defines internal control as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance of the achievement of objectives that involve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pertaining to the bank reconciliations, management is responsible for the policies and procedures to ensure accurate and timely bank reconciliations.

#### Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service did not have procedures in place to ensure monthly bank reconciliations were prepared and accurate on a timely basis.

#### **Effect**

There is an increased risk of material misstatement to Killdeer Area Ambulance Service 's financial statements whether due to error or fraud if monthly bank reconciliations are not complete and accurate on a timely basis.

# **Repeat Finding**

No.

# Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Service review its current procedures to ensure that all monthly bank reconciliations are complete and accurate on a timely basis.

# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, Killdeer Area Ambulance Service contracted a CPA in 2020 to ensure standard banking and accounting practices are followed. Policies have been adopted as advised by North Dakota Office of State Auditor to address these issues. As of the current date, the bank reconciliations are complete and balance to the general ledger.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

#### 2018-004 LACK OF BOARD APPROVAL FOR EXPENDITURES – MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Services was unable to provide evidence of governing board approval in 2017 and 2018 for 38 out of 90 expenses tested totaling \$156,537. In addition, the district was unable to provide evidence of approval by the governing board for all purchase card expenditures tested totaling \$3,509.

#### **Effect**

Without an adequate approval process of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's expenditures, the District exposes itself to an increased risk of loss of assets, potential liabilities, and damage to the District's reputation, whether due to error or fraud.

#### Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service does not have adequate procedures in place to ensure all expenditures are approved by the governing board.

#### Criteria

The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) model defines internal control as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance of the achievement of objectives that involve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pertaining to invoices to be paid by the district, management is responsible for adequate internal controls surrounding the review process.

#### Repeat Finding

No.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Services review its current procedures in place to ensure that expenditures are properly approved by the governing board.

#### Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, The Board was aware of and approved every expense that was not specifically addressed in District By-Laws. Approval of financial transactions was verified by the existence of two signatures as denoted in Board minutes based on our internal procedure and by acceptance of monthly financial reports by majority vote at each regular meeting. Beginning September 2022, each expenditure is presented to the Board for approval.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

#### 2018-005 CAPITAL ASSET MAINTENANCE – MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service does not maintain a detailed capital asset listing that would include additions, deletions, depreciation, and construction in progress (CIP).

# Criteria

The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) model defines internal control as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance of the achievement of objectives that involve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pertaining to the capital assets, management is responsible for adequate internal controls surrounding the review process and subsidiary ledger reconciliations.

#### Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service is not tracking capital asset activities throughout the year in a capital asset listing to ensure all items are accurately reported during the preparation of the financial statements. Killdeer Area Ambulance Service does not have established policies and procedures in place to ensure the capital asset listing is accurate and recorded in the financial statements.

#### **Effect**

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's financial statements would have been materially misstated without the audit adjustments.

## Repeat Finding

No.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Service maintain and establish policies and procedures to ensure a detailed capital asset listing includes all additions, deletions, depreciation, and construction in progress.

#### Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, Policies have been adopted as recommended by North Dakota Office of State Auditor. Killdeer Area Ambulance Service will review the capital asset additions and deletions annually to ensure accuracy.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

# 2018-006 BLANKET BOND COVERAGE - MATERIAL WEAKNESS AND MATERIAL NON-COMPLIANCE

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service did not have any blanket bond coverage through the State Bonding Fund for the years ending December 31, 2018 and 2017 as required in N.D.C.C. §26.1-21-10.

#### **Effect**

Without blanket bond coverage, the Killdeer Area Ambulance Service is not in compliance with N.D.C.C. §26.1-21-10 and the district exposes itself to an increased risk of loss of assets, potential liabilities, and damage to the District's reputation, whether due to error or fraud.

#### Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service may not have been aware of the requirements stated in N.D.C.C. §26.1-21-10.

#### Criteria

N.D.C.C. §26.1-21-10 states "Each state agency and each political subdivision shall apply to be bonded in the fund no less often than on a biennial basis or when a change in coverage is requested, whichever occurs first."

# **Repeat Finding**

No.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Service submit an application for blanket bond coverage to ensure they are in compliance with N.D.C.C. §26.1-21-10.

# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, Coverage has been applied for through North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

Schedule of Audit Findings - Continued

#### 2018-007 FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT - MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service did not prepare a fraud risk assessment of the entire entity.

#### Criteria

Fraud risk governance is a key component of entity-wide governance and the internal control environment according to the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework principles. This entity-wide governance addresses the manner in which the board of directors and management meet their respective obligations to achieve the entities goals in reporting, reliance, and accountability.

#### Cause

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service may not have considered preparing a fraud risk assessment.

# **Effect**

If Killdeer Area Ambulance Service does not prepare an adequate fraud risk assessment, there is an increased risk of fraudulent financial reporting, asset misappropriation, and corruption.

# Repeat Finding

No.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Killdeer Area Ambulance Service prepare a fraud risk assessment in order to identify areas of concern within the entity to appropriately mitigate the risk of fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, and corruption.

# Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's Response

We agree, Killdeer Area Ambulance Service has adopted the Fraud Prevention Policy and is currently working on the Fraud Risk Assessment Tool that was recommended by North Dakota Office of State Auditor.

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# **GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION**

Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Board Killdeer Area Ambulance Service Killdeer, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service, Killdeer North Dakota, for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 which collectively comprise Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

# Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in The United States of America, Government Auditing Standards and by the Uniform Guidance

As stated in our engagement letter dated January 26, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, or fraud may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Killdeer Area Ambulance Service's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit.

#### Significant Accounting Policies/Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Killdeer Area Ambulance Service are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the years ended December 31, 2018 or 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

# **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The schedules below list all misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures that were corrected by management.

2018	Audit Adjustments		
	Debit	Credit	
Fund Level Adjustments			
General Fund			
To Record Corrections to Revenue and Expenditures			
Expenditures	121,354		
Cash	11,683		
Revenue		133,037	
To Reclass Revenue			
Revenue - Charge For Services	25,000		
Revenue - Miscellaneous		25,000	
Government Wide Adjustments			
To Record Capital Assets from 2017			
Capital Assets, Net	1,359,183		
Net Position		1,359,183	
To Record Capital Assets Adds and Deletes for 2018			
Net Position	101,160		
Capital Assets, Net		101,160	
To Reclass Capital Contributions			
Revenue - Operating Grants	52,000		
Revenue - Capital Contributions		52,000	
To Record Capital Contributions			
Expenses	4,800		
Revenue		4,800	
To Record Loss on Sale of Assets			
Revenue	54,900		
Expenses		54,900	

2017	Audit Adjus	stments
	Debit	Credit
Fund Level Adjustments		
General Fund		
To record unrecorded line of credit		
Debt - Principal	30,000	
Other Financing Sources		30,000
Government Wide Adjustments		
To record capital assets		
Capital Assets, Net - PPA	1,460,816	
Net Position		1,460,816
To record capital assets Adds and Deletes for 2017		
Net Position	101,633	
Capital Assets, Net		101,633

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, or reporting matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 8, 2022.

## **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

# **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Governance Communication - Continued

# Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of the Ambulance District and management of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of Killdeer Area Ambulance Service for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve Killdeer Area Ambulance Service.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 8, 2022



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